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## TEXAS HEART INSTITUTE ELECTS NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND APPOINTS HONORARY TRUSTEES

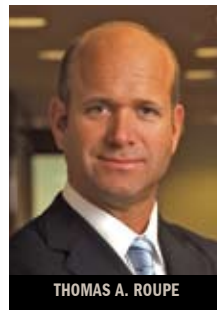
The Texas Heart Institute welcomes **Kelli Kickerillo**, **Thomas A. Roupe** and **Wallace Wilson** to its Board of Trustees. The role of the Board of Trustees is to help establish an environment that will allow scientists, physicians and support personnel to work at their highest capacity, and to build informed and steady support for these activities.



KELLI KICKERILLO

**Ms. Kelli Kickerillo** is Executive Vice President/Chief Marketing Officer for Kickerillo Companies. She works closely with her father, Vincent Kickerillo, on acquisitions and enjoys developing creative strategies to support her company's existing and future development projects. Ms. Kickerillo serves on the Alumni Board at the University of St. Thomas, the Advisory Board for Texas A&M's Institute of Biosciences and Technology in Houston, as well as the Board of Trustees of Duchesne Academy.

**Mr. Thomas A. Roupe** is a co-founder and Managing Partner of Aqueduct Capital Group. Prior to founding the firm in 2006, he was Managing Director at Goldman Sachs & Co. and Regional Manager of the Private Wealth Management group since 2000, where he led southwestern business. Mr. Roupe serves on the Board of Directors for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the Alley Theatre. He is also a member of the Council of Overseers at the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management at Rice University.



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WALLACE WILSON

**Mr. Wallace Wilson** is the retired Chairman of the Board of Wilson Industries, Inc., which merged with Smith International in 1998. He has been involved in the oil and gas business as well as ranching in South Texas for many years. Presently, Mr. Wilson serves as a Director of the Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital Foundation and Texas Medical Center.

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## NOTABLE GIFTS



The **Fred and Mabel R. Parks Foundation** pledged \$1.5 million. One million dollars will be designated for the Fred and Mabel Parks Foundation Fellowship in Adult Stem Cell Research; the remaining \$500,000 will be directed to Adult Stem Cell Research.

**Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Glas-sell, Jr.**, made a substantial contribution of \$217,000 to advance programs in adult stem cell research and therapy. Their donation was in honor of Dr. James T. Willerson, president-elect and medical director of the Texas Heart Institute.

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**TEXAS HEART INSTITUTE ELECTS NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND APPOINTS HONORARY TRUSTEES** *(continued from cover)*



The category of Honorary Trustee was introduced last year with the appointment of **Mr. Dan Duncan**. Honorary Trustees are invited to attend and participate in meetings of the Board of Trustees, and to weigh in on a variety of important issues. Joining Mr. Duncan as Honorary Trustees will be The Honorable James A. Baker, III, David Grimes, Bob McNair, John Nau III, Hakeem Olajuwon and Anthony Petrello.

**The Honorable James A. Baker, III**, has served in senior government positions under three United States Presidents. Mr. Baker served as White House Chief of Staff from 1981 to 1985 and was then appointed the 67th Secretary of the Treasury under President Ronald Reagan until 1988. He served as the nation's 61st Secretary of State from January 1989 through August 1992 under President George Bush. Mr. Baker is the senior partner in the law firm of Baker Botts. He is Honorary Chairman of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. Mr. Baker received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1991 and has been the recipient of many other awards for distinguished public service. Mr. Baker also received The Denton A. Cooley Leadership Award in 2001 and serves on THI's National Advisory Council.



**Mr. David Grimes** is the Principal of Grimes Energy Company, President of Grimes Land & Exploration Company, President of Grimes Holdings, Inc., and Managing Partner of Trifecta Oil and Gas L.P. He is the Chairman of the Development Board of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. He serves on the Board of Visitors for M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and on the Advisory Board of the Draper Fisher Jurvetson Mercury Fund.

**Mr. Robert McNair** founded Cogen Technologies, the largest privately owned cogeneration company in the world. He is currently Chairman and CEO of The McNair Group and Chairman of the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation and the Houston Texans Foundation. He is also Chairman and CEO of the Houston Texans, an NFL franchise. Mr. McNair, who is also a recipient of The Denton A. Cooley Leadership Award,



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serves, or has served, on the governing boards of Rice University, Baylor College of Medicine, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston Grand Opera, Greater Houston Partnership, and the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau.



JOHN NAU III

**Mr. John Nau, III**, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Silver Eagle Distributors, L.P. Under his direction, Silver Eagle has become one of the nation's largest distributors of Anheuser-Busch products and Houston's top beer distributor. In 2001, President George Bush appointed Mr. Nau to a four-year term as Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Among Mr. Nau's considerable community commitments are Board of Director of the Greater Houston Partnership, Board of Trustee of Baylor College of Medicine, President's Transportation Infrastructure Streamlining Task Force, Greater Houston Preservation Alliance Advisory Board, and Board of Directors of the Good Samaritan Foundation.

**Mr. Hakeem Olajuwon** is a legendary sports icon who dedicated 20 years to bringing basketball thrills to the city of Houston. He has been honored as one the 50 Greatest Players in NBA history and was recently elected into the NBA Hall of Fame. During his career, Hakeem "The Dream" Olajuwon was one of eight players in the NBA to score over 20,000 points and 12,000 rebounds. He's the NBA's all time leader with 3,830 career blocked shots and was named the NBA MVP in 1994. He was a member of the Houston Rockets 1994 and 1995 NBA Championship teams earning Finals MVP honors both seasons.



HAKEEM OLAJUWON



ANTHONY PETRELLO

**Mr. Anthony Petrello** has served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Nabors Industries since 1992. Nabors Industries actively markets over 1,500 land drilling and workover rigs and more than 50 offshore rigs in the U.S. and multiple international markets. Mr. Petrello received his undergraduate and Master's degrees from Yale University in Mathematics, and received a law degree from Harvard Law School. Mr. Petrello is also a Board member of Texas Children's Hospital. ♡

## THE PHYSICIANS HONORED

Columbia University Medical Center recently announced the 2007 Katz Prizes in Cardiovascular Research, which include recognition for internationally distinguished cardiologist James T. Willerson, M.D., president-elect of Texas Heart Institute and president of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Dr. Willerson received the Lewis Katz Visiting Professorship in Cardiovascular Research for excellence in cardiovascular research and education.

The Katz Prizes were created at Columbia University Medical Center through the generosity of entrepreneur and philanthropist Lewis Katz to recognize excellence in cardiovascular research and education. The prizes, each \$100,000, are awarded to two outstanding physician-scientists annually. This is the second year of the awards.

“I am humbled and honored by the award of the 2007 Lewis Katz Visiting Professorship in Cardiovascular Research. The generosity of Mr. Katz and the leadership of the Columbia University Medical Center is overwhelming,” Dr. Willerson said. “This prestigious recognition is shared with my family and those colleagues who have worked with me throughout my career.”

Also recently, the National University of Mexico awarded its top honor for Cardiology, “The Ignacio Chavez Medallion,” to Dr. Willerson in a ceremony in Mexico City. The award named after a prestigious cardiologist from Mexico is given to those who have shown excellence in research and education in the field of cardiology. The award’s namesake was the founder of the Mexican National Institute of Cardiology in 1944 among other accomplishments in the academic and clinical arenas.

As part of the awards ceremony, Dr. Willerson presented on the latest advances in detection of vulnerable plaque for more than 300 cardiologists from Mexico. He told the audience he was working toward the day in which the Texas Heart Institute



DENTON A. COOLEY, M.D.

JAMES T. WILLERSON, M.D.

and its research efforts can have a permanent location in Mexico to serve both Mexico and Latin America. He hopes to develop a unique collaboration toward discovery involving partners and physicians from Mexico, Houston and beyond.

“The revolution in medicine is now. With genetics and molecular research and other developments, all involved in this field are poised to make a dramatic impact in eradicating potential cardiovascular disease. The opportunity for a collaborative effort in that regard is now. I want to have the leaders in this field in Mexico as partners and will dedicate myself to seeing that all can benefit from such research,” said Dr. Willerson.

Dr. Denton Cooley was recently honored during “An Evening with a Texas Legend,” a fund-raising dinner benefiting Texas Children’s Cancer Center. During the event, Dr. Cooley was interviewed live by CNN host Larry King via satellite. ♥

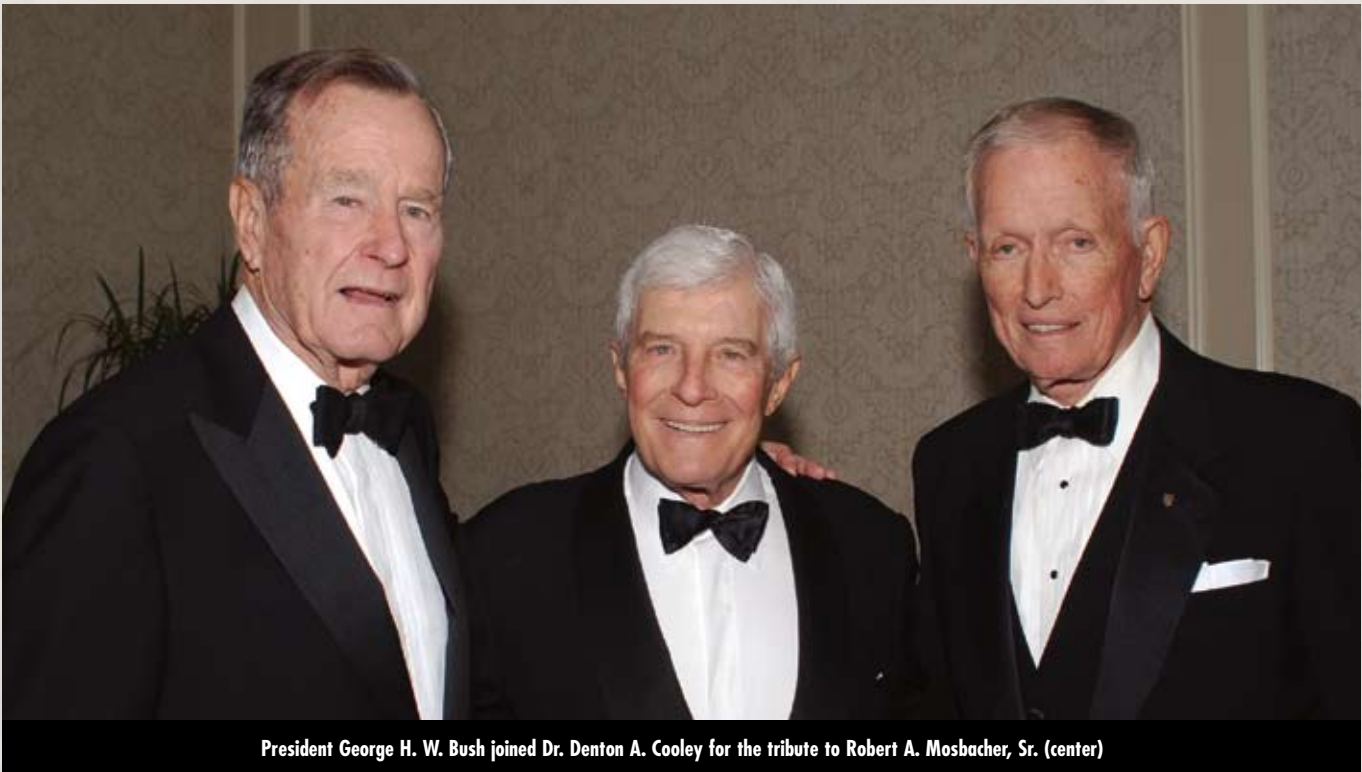
### DONOR HIGHLIGHT

#### DILLARD FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Dillard Family Foundation of Wichita Falls, TX, contributed \$90,000 to find new ways to prevent and treat congestive heart failure. About 5 million Americans are living with congestive heart failure today and it is one of the most common reasons people 65 and older are admitted into hospitals. We applaud the Dillard Family for their perceptive understanding of this widespread condition and for their important assistance.

## DENTON A. COOLEY LEADERSHIP AWARD

**O**n January 9, 2008, The Honorable Robert A. Mosbacher, Sr., became the 13th recipient of The Denton A. Cooley Leadership Award. The evening was a richly deserved tribute to the extraordinary contributions of Secretary Mosbacher, including his service as Secretary of Commerce under former President George Bush, his service on the Texas Heart Institute Board of Trustees and its National Advisory Council, and his leadership for M. D. Anderson's Cancer Institute's Board of Visitors. Perhaps most of all, it was a special opportunity to recognize a man who has consistently demonstrated his belief that "it is a basic human instinct to be helpful."



President George H. W. Bush joined Dr. Denton A. Cooley for the tribute to Robert A. Mosbacher, Sr. (center)

The event also served as an important reminder of the significant contributions of the Texas Heart Institute (THI) team and the critical importance of philanthropy. Dr. Cooley introduced three patients who have benefited from cardiovascular research at the Texas Heart Institute.

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### **Mrs. Carron Morrow from Montgomery, Alabama**

Mrs. Morrow suffered the first of five heart attacks at age 39 and was running out of treatment options. She was breathless after just three steps when she came to the Texas Heart Institute to participate in an FDA-approved study for the use of adult stem cells. These days, when

she is not walking for exercise in the mall, she is working 12-to-14 hour days in her catering business.

### **Ms. Salina Gonzales**

Ms. Salina Gonzales was brought to THI physicians in 2006 with severe heart failure. She received a HeartMate II mechanical assist device, which supported her for 17 months. She

continued to teach 3rd grade and she recently exhausted her parents when she took them and her son Scott to Disney World. Because the device allowed her native heart to rest and recover, the device was recently removed. Because of this innovative technology, Salina avoided a heart transplantation and her future looks promising. (continued on page 8)

## STEM CELL CENTER TO TREAT RECENT HEART ATTACK PATIENTS

**H**eat attack occurs when an artery that feeds the heart becomes blocked and blood flow to that area of the heart is cut off, leading to muscle damage. The usual course of therapy is to be admitted to hospital, open the blocked artery with a balloon, stent, or surgical bypass, then to be placed on medicines hoping the heart will recover.



Guilherme V. Silva, M.D. and Emerson Perin, M.D., Ph.D. treat a patient with stem cells in the catheterization laboratory.

The Stem Cell Center at the Texas Heart Institute is now teaming up with local physicians and hospitals to identify patients who have had a recent heart attack (within 5 days) treated with balloon/stents in order to see if stem cell therapy would aid in the recovery of heart muscle. The patients who meet the criteria of this study would then be treated with a special type of stem cell called Mesenchymal Precursor Cells. This cell is also allogenic, meaning that it has been derived from a single healthy adult donor, so that eligible patients would not have to undergo a bone marrow harvest. The area damaged by the heart attack would be treated with the stem cells, with the hope of preventing permanent damage.

If you know someone who may qualify, or would like more information, please contact the Stem Cell Center at 832-355-9404 or toll free at 1-866-924-STEM (7836). Also, please visit our website at [www.texasheart.org/stemcell](http://www.texasheart.org/stemcell) for a complete listing of our currently enrolling clinical trials. ♥

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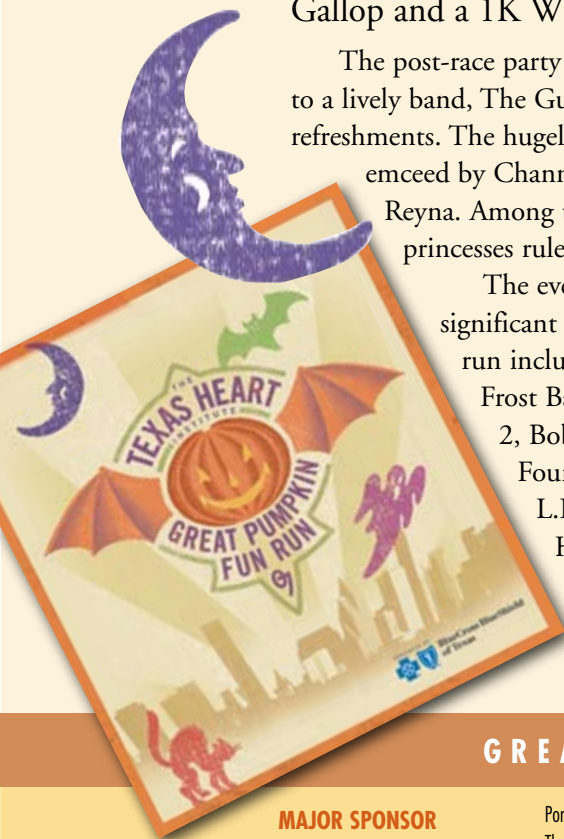
PomWonderful, manufacturer of pomegranate juice in California, contributed \$150,000 to advance research into the possible relationship between heart disease and the flu. As noted in the letter accompanying the check, "We wish you the best and trust that this gift will expand and enrich the valuable contributions your research will make to the scientific community and to society at large." We applaud PomWonderful for its thoughtful and generous assistance.

# THE GREAT PUMPKIN RETURNS AGAIN.

It was a crisp October morning when 2,000 runners and walkers donned Halloween costumes and pounded the pavement in downtown Houston for the Great Pumpkin Fun Run, benefitting cardiovascular research at the Texas Heart Institute. Presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, the fun run featured the 5K Great Pumpkin Dash, a 3K Goblin Gallop and a 1K Witches Walk for the kids.

The post-race party held in Tranquility Park had the crowd dancing to a lively band, The Guzzlers, and enjoying a wide variety of refreshments. The hugely popular Children's Costume Contest was emceed by Channel 2 anchors Owen Conflenti and Jennifer Reyna. Among the 50 contestants, superhero figures and princesses ruled the day.

The event would not have been possible without significant volunteer support. Sponsors for the fun run included Coca-Cola, Continental Airlines, Frost Bank, Dian and Doug Huddle, KPRC TV 2, Bob and Elyse Lanier, Joe Levit Family Foundation, Pin Oak Interests, Porter & Hedges L.L.P., The Sports Authority, St. Luke's Episcopal Health System, Texas Children's Heart Center, Tony's Restaurant and Watermill Express. ♥



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**Mr. Ernie Jetton**

Mr. Jetton is an attorney from Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Jetton had six heart vessels bypassed 15 years ago but the majority of those grafts had failed

by the following year. After exhausting his treatment options, Mr. Jetton did research on the Internet and discovered our adult stem cell treatment for heart failure – the first of its kind in the

U.S. Within six months, Mr. Jetton had improved stamina and heart function, and he has resumed a busy legal practice.

The Texas Heart Institute was the grateful beneficiary of stellar assistance. Margaret Alkek Williams and the Albert and Margaret Alkek Foundation generously served as lead underwriters of the event. President and Mrs. George H.W. Bush joined us for a wonderful and heartfelt introduction of Secretary Mosbacher. THI trustees John Duncan and Reed Morian graciously co-chaired the event. Continental Airlines and the Westin Galleria Hotel thoughtfully

provided airfare and accommodations for two of the patients who were featured that evening. Then, of course, there were all those who supported the event by underwriting tables and individual seats, and by making donations.

The event demonstrated what voluntary effort can achieve, including net proceeds of \$700,000 to advance promising programs in cardiovascular research. We are pleased to recognize all for their important assistance.

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## A BIG LESSON IN HEART HEALTH

When the air ambulance carrying Salina Gonzales landed on the helipad atop the Texas Heart Institute, she had only one month to live at best. That was 18 months ago. Perhaps she's a born survivor. By the time she was 18 years old, Salina had already survived two bouts of Hodgkin's lymphoma. It was in the summer of 2006 that she began feeling ill and weak, often becoming short of breath. A doctor diagnosed her with allergies and asthma but her health continued to worsen.

"It was very difficult. I would be gasping just lifting my child. I couldn't take two steps without being severely short of breath," said Salina. She ended up in the emergency room with a shocking diagnosis – severe heart failure. Despite medications and a defibrillator/pacemaker to address arrhythmias, Salina's heart function continued to decline. She was referred to the Texas Heart Institute, where she was implanted with a HeartMate II left ventricular assist device. This continuous flow pump, being studied as a bridge to transplant, supports blood flow and allows the heart to rest. Within six months, Salina was back to work teaching second grade.

"My students were incredible. They were very inquisitive and had no fear about it. Whenever my controller beeped they would say, "Ms. Gonzales, it's time to change your batteries!" said Salina. "It was difficult at first, because I was still weak and the batteries that power the



In the hospital awaiting her explant, Salina said, "I'm very confident about this. I have more energy and I exercise all the time. I can care for my son. This has really changed my life."

pump were heavy for me. And it does require you to change your whole lifestyle, but after a while, you don't even think about it."

After being supported by the pump for about nine months, a checkup revealed some promising news.

"By turning the pump down, we saw that her heart function had improved. We've seen this before, that while resting the heart, the heart function can improve," said Roberta Bogae, M.D., Salina's cardiologist. Dr. Bogae is medical director of Heart Failure and Transplant at THI.

Doctors performed a series of tests over the next several months to determine if Salina's heart had improved sufficiently for the pump to be removed, possibly sparing her the need for a transplant.

"During one of my hospital visits I received a visit from a young gentleman who did have the same kind of pump explanted because his heart

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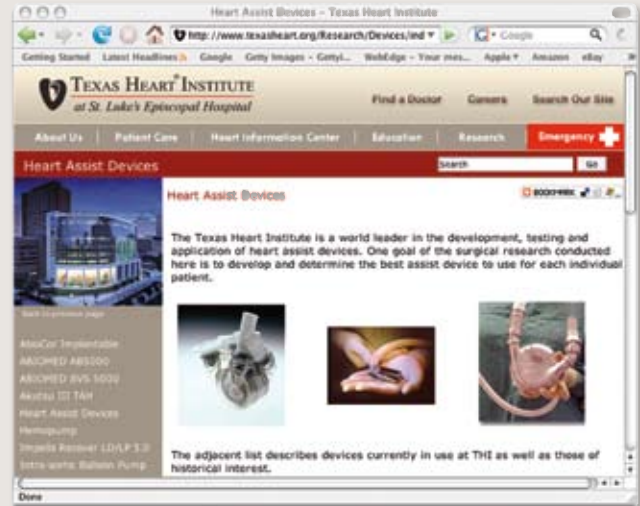
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The award-winning Texas Heart Institute (THI) website ([www.texasheart.org](http://www.texasheart.org)) offers a full spectrum of research updates, physician training and educational opportunities, and public education resources. The website logged more than 2.3 million visitors in 2007. Over 80% of them viewed consumer health information in the Heart Information Center (HIC). All 153 HIC topics on the website are available in both English and Spanish and are reviewed each year for currency and accuracy.



It is always gratifying to receive unsolicited comments about the THI website. Here are some samples.

*I am a phlebotomy instructor at our local community college. I needed to teach my students about the basic function of the heart. The textbook used in our class did not have clear information about the basic function, and left my class confused. I told them to forget what the book stated. I looked your website up on the internet and found the best information I have ever read about the heart and its function. I used your graphics and text on heart anatomy. The entire class got it!! They were so excited with the information from your website!! As an instructor, it simply makes your day to teach students something that they enjoy and understand. Our three-hour class followed with a great discussion about the heart. Thank you so much for the great information!*  
**Susan, CPT, RMA (very happy phlebotomy instructor)**

*I was recently diagnosed with congestive heart failure, so I have been using the internet with my ancient WebTV for information. I want to compliment you on your website. It is fantastic. You should be very proud of it. It is all I could ask for and more.* **A Tennessean**

*Thanks so much for your information and also for providing it in Spanish. It was very useful in my presentation last Friday. Sincerely,* **Ana María**

*I do not need additional information but I just wanted to say thank you. As I write this, my mother-in-law is in surgery having a triple coronary bypass. Although I am a nurse, I was struggling with the right words to explain the procedure to my teenage children. After reviewing the information on this site, I feel as though I am ready to sit down and go over the procedure with them. You provide enough information without going into too much detail. I was struggling with where to start and end in terms of detail. So thanks for a well-written explanation of the surgery.* **Steve**

*I just wanted to let you know that I found your site while searching for information to give to schools in February. I am going to be passing this link <http://www.texasheartinstitute.org/HIC/ProjH/kindergarten.cfm> along to schools should they want to really delve into the heart. It has so much great information and is so well organized, I am sure they will be able to utilize it with ease. Thank you so much for providing this!* **Jean**

*I wrote yesterday... but failed to thank you for your wonderful CME courses. It reminds me of my fellowship years. Thank you.* **Joseph M., M.D.**

## COOLEY LECTURESHIP ESTABLISHED

The Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society (DACCVSS) held its 15th international symposium on October 25-27, 2007, in Houston. This year's theme, "Celebrating the Legacy," was a tribute to Dr. Cooley and included the establishment of a lectureship named in his honor to help ensure that future Texas Heart Institute physicians will be educated by the most outstanding surgeons of the day.

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## MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED AT THE TEXAS HEART INSTITUTE



The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation has established a \$2.5 million fund to create the McNair Scholars Program at the Texas Heart Institute.

"We are very grateful to The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation for establishing the McNair Scholars Program to support our physicians and scientists in their pursuit of understanding, preventing and treating cardiovascular disease," said James Willerson, M.D., president-elect of the Texas Heart Institute. ♥

## THE RIGHT WORDING FOR YOUR WILL



Each year, we receive phone calls from attorneys who want to know the full legal name of the Texas Heart Institute. They are working on a will document that is to include a bequest to us, and they want to do it right.

We are always pleased to receive these calls because they serve to validate our important programs in research and education. We have learned through sad experience about the problems that arise when the Texas Heart Institute is inaccurately identified. For example, a person might think it is enough to say, “I designate \$25,000 to THI (our commonly used acronym)”, and expect that to do the job.

There are other organizations and businesses that use the acronym THI. A probate judge would be unable to make the bequest because of a lack of clarity regarding the recipient. Or maybe the bequest would go to another organization with a similar name.

To help eliminate any confusion, we have prepared a simple document that contains important information, including the legal name, the tax-identification number and sample language for various kinds of bequests. Your attorney will appreciate having the bequest language document when he or she drafts your will.

If you wish to receive a copy of Remembering THI in Your Will, please contact Mr. Marc C. Mattsson, chief executive officer of the Texas Heart Institute. Mr. Mattsson’s e-mail address is [mmattsson@heart.thi.tmc.edu](mailto:mmattsson@heart.thi.tmc.edu); his telephone number is (832) 355-3792. ♥

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**A BIG LESSON IN HEATH HEALTH** *(continued from page 26)*

function improved. It was always what I was hoping for myself because I really didn't want a transplant," said Salina. While her doctors were evaluating her heart function and deciding if an explant was possible, Salina continued her normal life teaching school, caring for her young son and exercising an hour a day.

A few weeks ago, after being supported by the pump for 17 months, Salina became the 7th THI patient to

have the HeartMate II explanted.

"The surgery was very successful. It's a good pump. It's very durable and reliable and the surgery to implant as well as remove the pump is much less complicated than in the larger pulsatile pumps. In her case, it just requires a small incision under the ribs. Salina is one of my few patients who has never had an open chest operation where we have to cut the sternum," said Bud Frazier, M.D., chief of

Cardiopulmonary Transplantation and director of Cardiovascular Surgical Research at the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's. "With this procedure, patients recover much more quickly and they have less pain. They're usually discharged from the hospital less than a week after the surgery to remove the pump." 

**The Lillian and C. W. Duncan Foundation** made a \$100,000 grant to Greatest Need which allows the Texas Heart Institute to respond to opportunities and unexpected needs as they arise.

**Charles Butt/H.E. Butt Grocery Company**, in recognition of Dr. James T. Willerson's efforts in adult stem cell research and therapy, pledged \$500,000.

**The Denton A. Cooley Foundation** committed \$1 million to support innovative programs in cardiovascular surgical research, cardiology research, and educational programs for health professionals and the public.



**The Estate of Louise Jarrett Moran** recently made a distribution of \$300,000. Since 2001, this estate has distributed more than \$3 million to further the mission of the Texas Heart Institute.

**The Ewing Halsell Foundation** contributed \$1 million to advance programs in adult stem cell research and therapy.

**The Hamill Foundation** recently completed a \$500,000 commitment for research and the online version of the Heart Information Center at [www.texasheart.org/HIC](http://www.texasheart.org/HIC).

**The Hearst Foundation, Inc.** contributed \$100,000 to support educational programs for the public and health care professionals. ♥



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